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Hope wanes for **Canadians lost** in ruins of hotel

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AID Families of those missing in the rubble of a plush Haitian hotel where several Canadians were last seen say rescue efforts are too disorganized to give them much hope.

An international team of as many as 70 search and rescue technicians have been combing the remains of the Hotel Montana since last Wednesday.

Many still hope there are survivors pinned underneath the wreckage. Among those missing are a number of Canadians, including Serge Marcil, a former Liberal MP.

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News on the Meye



City-contracted crews gutted 167 properties in 2009 whose owners either didn't have the means or refused to clean up. Bills were added to offenders' property taxes, totalling close to \$50,000 for the year.

Crackdown on clutter

City officials issued over 700 tickets to hoarders in '09

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A dangerous compulsive disorder spilling out from the doorways and fences of homes around Edmonton has become a high priority for bylaw officials, and is costing offenders more than ever before.

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"We've all been taught not to waste. People like to hold on to things, but hoarders have an emotional link to their garbage Edmonton 1-800-GOT-JUNK owner Jason Seguin said.

A topic popularized by the A&E show Hoarders isn't limited to the U.S. homes featured on the show, but is an ever-increas"The sad thing is, hoarders are often embarrassed and don't have the means to get rid of the problem."

Jason Seguin, 1-800-GOT-JUNK

ing issue to local enforcement officials.

In 2009, the city issued over 700 tickets to owners of unsightly and untidy properties who were warned, but didn't clean up. Of those, 167 proper-ties were cleaned by city crews after noncompli-ance. Cleanup bills, ranging between \$200 and \$20,000, were added to offending homeowners' property taxes.

Many hoarders, city enforcement spokesman Ryan Pleckaitis said, are repeat offenders. Some have had property forcibly cleared by the city up to 20 times. Though bylaws achieve 90 per cent compliance, he says focus on the problem was recently enhanced to deal with chronic bylaw breakers.

Seguin's crews are often knee-deep in the dirty lit-tle secret. The company has gutted local homes with floor-to-ceiling trash piles, the most severe requiring 28 trucks to haul

A 2009 study conducted by the Seniors Association Greater Edmonton (SAGE) determined the condition predominantly affects elderly women, often as a result of mental illness, or precipitated by loss. SAGE currently counsels hoarders, though its program is at capacity. If funding is approved by the end of January, more will be offered help.

"The sad thing is, hoarders are often embarrassed and don't have the means to get rid of the problem. We often don't get to it un-til the person has passed on," Seguin said.

"For us to do that job for them is priceless.

Man dead, three hurt after car rollover in west end

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CRASH A man is dead, three people are in hospital, and a teenage driver is in custody after a car jammed full of people rolled several times in the city's west end early Thursday morn-

ing.
Witnesses said the driver of a white Pontiac Grand Am heading west on Stony Plain lost control as the car approached 231 Street. At least one passenger was ejected from the car after it rolled several times.

When police arrived around 6 a.m., three women and three men were found injured at the crash site. The teenage driver ran from the scene following the single-vehicle collision.

One man was treated on scene and the remaining five passengers were taken to hospital. One of the male passengers was pro-nounced dead on arrival.

An EPS canine unit scoured the nearby neighbourhood for the driver. As the team was searching, an officer spotted the suspect at a convenience store on 107 Avenue and 215 Street.

Police were on scene most of Thursday, investigating and interviewing witnesses

Both alcohol and speed are considered factors in the crash, and charges against the 17-year-old driver are expected.

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@jameskrp Just voted from #yeg on http://bit.ly/59drw1 the new #monopoly board. Have you voted yet today #yeg? We are at 17th place in Canada now!

@LoganCDN Any suggestions in #yeg for dog obedience courses to look into? My beagle needs a refresher.



Blogs Kartik Krishnayer tells It's Called Football what to expect in the 2011

season and what he really thinks of Bob Lenarduzzi.

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Get into Valentine's spirit at luncheon

SHAKESPEARE The Freewill ting on its fifth annual Luncheon of Love at the on Feb. 8.

The elegant fundraiser will include champagne, sonnets, songs of love, a live auction and a peek at what's to come at the festival this summer.

Those who attend the luncheon can have, among other treats, someone dressed as Shakespeare deliver champagne, roses and chocolate to a special person's house on Valentine's

Individual tickets are \$60. The luncheon will start at 11:45 a.m. at the ho-

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Party hard for Haiti relief

Twitter spreads word of fundraisers in Edmonton, Calgary

Haiti Crisis

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES

The first round of a goodnatured battle of Alberta will be waged on Saturday to see which city can party the hardest to help Haiti.

Nightlifers in both Edmonton and Calgary will host fundraising shindigs to help the earthquake-ravaged nation over the next two weekends.

"It's totally friendly com-petition," Varsity Row Origi-nal Joe's manager Trevor

Belsher said, adding the race is on to see which city can raise more for relief efforts. "Any extra inspiration will make everyone push a little bit harder."
Organizers of the multi-

venue initiative - all involved in the hospitality industry - say their solution to offer help was obvious.

"We just put two and two together," said 780VIP owner Ismail Attitalla. "Since people are going out anyway, why not a fundraiser?'

In Edmonton, those hoping to help can start by visit-780VIP.com. Blush ing Lounge (2,940 Calgary Trail) management will donate \$5 for each person who heads to the watering hole via the site's guest list this Satur-

Twitter chatter of the fundraising effort, dubbed #yegHaiti and #yyc4Haiti, spread like wildfire on the social networking site last week.

Belsher first caught wind of the idea through tweeters, and decided to offer the popular university-area eatery for the second party on Jan. 30.

He calls Edmonton (#yeg) tweeters a "socially con-scious group," largely responsible for spreading the word of the initiative.

"When something like this happens, it wakes you

up," he said.
"They've influenced my life in a better way.'

Original Joe's Varsity Row (8,404 109 St.) will host the second phase of #yegHaiti, featuring local songstress Erica Viegas.

For more information on Calgary events, search #yyc4Haiti on Twitter. For Edmonton, search #vegHaiti.

All cash collected from the events will be donated to the Canadian Red Cross.



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Revamped Rush seek success on the turf

LACROSSE The Edmonton Rush have a new coach, some new players and a new sense of hope for the team's success.

Derek Keenan has begun his first season with great optimism as head coach for the Rush, a team whose last National Lacrosse League season didn't end well with only five wins and 11 losses.

The team has several new players, including assistant captain Brodie Merrill, Gavin Prout and Ryan Pow-

"I think it's a much more talented and athletic team from last year and much better at getting out and getting it done on the turf," Keenan said. "It can say on paper that you're better, but the job has to be done on the floor"

Keenan added that making it to the playoffs isn't



Chris McElroy, left, and his Edmonton Rush teammates are looking for more wins this season.

out of the question.

So far, the team has played two out-of-town games, earning a win and a loss. Saturday will mark the Rush's first in-town game of the season.

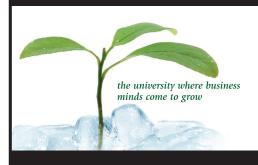
They are to play against the Buffalo Bandits, a team with the reputation as one of the finest teams in the having won

league's championship four times. Their most recent championship win was in

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Operation-24 Hours nabs more than 1,000 offenders

In the first Operation-24 Hours of this year Thursday, 869 speeding violations were recorded along with 238 other violations. METRO EDMONTON

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Government disbands northern school board

'Seismic shift' needed to save students: Alta.

The Alberta government has taken the unusual step of disbanding a northern school board, saying a "seismic shift" is needed to save a generation of largely aboriginal students from a morass of poor test scores and high drop-out rates.

All 23 members of the Northland School Division have been replaced by an official trustee, Colin Kelly, who has a background in aboriginal education, Education Minister Dave Hancock announced Thursday.

Previous action

 It's the first time in a decade the province has taken such action. It disbanded a public school board in Calgary in 1999 after calling it "dysfunctional."

Despite years of working with the board to try to improve its educational programs, student performance was still the poorest in the province and no solutions were imminent, Hancock said. That forced

the government to invoke a rarely used power under the School Act that allows the province to intervene.

The school division serves more than 2,800 students in largely rural communities.

Last October, a provincial accountability report found that slightly fewer than 20 per cent of students in the division were completing high school within three years, compared to over 70 per cent in the rest of the province.

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Go-ahead expected on oilsands projects

ENERGY Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. expects to give the green light to two of its oilsands projects late this year, the vice-chairman of the Calgary-based company told a CIBC investor conference Thursday.

The big oil, gas and oilsands operator will spend the next several months working on the design of the Horizon oilsands mine's second phase to ensure its size is manageable, said John Langille.

The first phase of Horizon began churning out synthetic crude oil just under a year ago. The company ex-

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Manitoba health officials defensive about Lesnar's bashing

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Manitoba health officials are on the defensive after a bashing from UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar. The American mixed martial arts star says he received "Third World" health-care treatment in Canada after falling ill during a hunting trip. The CANADIAN PRESS

Canada



Harper upset with one-day sentence

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, says he understands why Canadians would be shocked by the sentence handed to a terror suspect near Toronto. Harper, at a news conference in Truro, N.S., was critical of the law that gave criminals extra credit for prison time served before a conviction. Amin Mohamed Durrani, 23, received a one-day prison sentence in a Brampton, Ont., court Wednesday after pleading guilty to knowingly participating in and assisting a terrorist group.

G8 summit might have climate talks

TREATY Environment Minister Jim Prentice says he's feeling international pressure to put climate change high on the agenda at the G20 and G8 summits this summer.

And while he's not exactly a champion of the idea quite yet, he's not saying No either.

Canada is dedicated to turning last month's Copenhagen climate accord into an internationally binding treaty well before the end of the year, Prentice said in an interview.

"It's an agreement that reflects Canada's principles, so we very much want to see it converted into an international treaty over the course of 2010." he said.

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Haitians looking to escape

More than two million people still homeless: Authorities

Haiti Crisis

Crowds continue to gather outside the Canadian Embassy in Port-au-Prince — Haitians hoping to escape the city more than a week after it was rocked by a massive earthquake.

Authorities say a staggering two million people are homeless while thousands are still without a steady supply of food and water.

Outside the capital, members of Canada's Disaster Assistance Response Team are in the quake-ravaged town of Jacmel, while Canadian soldiers in the town of Leogane are continuing efforts to help.

With heavy equipment



A Canadian Armed Forces truck prepares to be loaded on the MV Wloclawek Thursday at the Quebec City port. Military vehicles, including water purifying units and bulldozers, are being shipped to Haiti for a humanitarian mission.

coming from Port-au-Prince, Canada and Jamaica, DART hopes to be pumping potable water in Jacmel within the next few days.

In Leogane, a contingent of troops from HMCS Halifax continues to treat patients for secondary infec-

By the numbers

- Canadians confirmed dead: 14
- Canadians missing: 321
- Canadians located: 1,867 up from 1,727 the day before.
- Canadians believed to be in Haiti: More than 6,000
 Total death toll in Haiti: Roughly 200,000, estimate by the European Union,

quoting Haitian officials.

tions and to stem the spread of disease, still a primary concern.

The task of rebuilding Leogane will likely fall to members of the Royal 22e Regiment from CFB Valcartier, who are already arriving in the region.

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Troops killed four civilians in 2009

AFGHANISTAN Canadian soldiers struggling to contain the Taliban insurgency in southern Afghanistan killed four civilians last year, according to military figures obtained by The Canadian Press.

The deaths occurred when the soldiers felt compelled to open fire during what is known as an escalation of force.

"There were three incidents of escalation of force that led to four civilian deaths caused by CF soldiers," the military said.

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Infrastructure funds still needed: Mayors

Stimulus funds will help bring down debt

Canada's big city mayors are urging the federal government to keep biltions of dollars in infrastructure money flowing as the country enters a new era of restraint.

They want Ottawa to extend the \$4-billion federal infrastructure stimulus fund for at least six months past the current March 2011 deadline — and consider more funding even as it looks to save money elsewhere.

They're also urging the government to resist the urge to cut other programs — including the gas tax fund and GST rebates — that help municipalities build and repair roads, bridges, sewer systems and other infrastructure.

The mayors argue that spending on infrastructure will actually help the government erase the \$56-billion deficit racked up since last year's recession, creating jobs, spurring economic growth and generating revenue to fill depleted federal coffers.

"The best way to fight federal deficits is to have people working and paying income and sales tax-



Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier, left, greets Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayors Caucus in Ottawa on Thursday.

es," said Toronto Mayor David Miller.

Infrastructure projects to improve things like public transit not only create construction jobs, he said, they help foster a more positive, productive environment for business, "which in itself creates jobs."

ates jobs."
Regina Mayor Pat Fiacco
agreed that infrastructure
funding "more than pays
for itself" and must not
be sacrificed on the altar
of restraint.

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VANOC plays hardball with ads

VANCOUVER 2010 **Games**

RIGHTS Another kind of competition is playing out ahead of the Olympics.

Opponents don suits instead of jerseys, but the game is ultimately the same: Strategy must be honed and the goal is to earn gold. When play becomes unfair, someone cries foul.

VANOC has steadily pursued those they charge are capitalizing off the largest sporting event in the country by misleading consumers into believing they're affiliated.

But VANOC's overbear-

ing approach might be causing more trouble than it prevents and leaving it in a public relations muddle, observers suggest.

Scotiabank last week became the latest in a series of corporate brands to be chastised for launching a marketing campaign VANOC says threatens to undermine the value of Games sponsorship.

"You're basically seeing businesses saying 'screw you,'" said Lindsay Meredith, who teaches marketing at Simon Fraser University, though adding VANOC isn't wrong to finger the various companies on their tactics.

Vancouver was the backdrop when Scotiabank unveiled a photo and storysubmitting contest that uses images of fans in red and white cheering an amorphous sporting event. A company spokesman denied the campaign is trying to associate with the Olympics, adding he's confident it worked within organizerissued guidelines.

VANOC has exclusive Canadian marketing rights to Olympic brands until Dec. 21, 2012, which only official sponsors are allowed to market products under.

Royal Bank of Canada is the official bank Games sponsor and has been since 1947.

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Court rules in favour of farmer in raw milk case

DAIRY An Ontario farmer raised a glass of milk in celebration outside court Thursday after being found not guilty of 19 charges related to selling unpasteurized milk. Michael Schmidt, who operates a raw milk co-op, defended himself last year against the charges for dispensing milk straight from the cow.

Schmidt was charged un-

der the Health Protection and Promotion Act and the Milk Act after an armed raid by about two dozen officers and government officials at his farm in 2006.

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Make AGA accessible

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ell, it would appear I'm ly Edmontonian excited about the opening of the new Art Gallery of Alberta (AGA).

As you probably know, the 10,000 free tickets the AGA was offering were snapped up right away. The same thing is likely to happen to the additional 5,000 that just became available. This is good news for the AGA and the city. Right? Maybe yes and maybe no.

The response to the free tickets is clearly indicative of a great deal of interest in seeing the inside of the new building. Whether it's also indicative of a burning

desire to see the exhibits "One thing the that will be housed there AGA could consider another doing is offering matter entire-free admission for

There's every chance I'm talking about that the people who want the whole day and see the **not just a few hours** AGA for free in the evening."

willing to return when there's a charge for doing so. I haven't seen any numbers to date, so I don't know just what the new admission charge is going to be. But if it's too high, it's going to restrict who actually gets to go to the

AGA. This would certainly militate against gallery's stated intention to expand beyond its traditional base of support.

For the sake of argument. say the admission

will charge be similar to what you would pay for first-run movie. doubt many

people struggling to make ends meet are going to want to pony

up \$30 or \$40 to take the kiddos out to see works of art by people they likely have never heard of. It's going to be easier and cheaper for them to rent a DVD and entertain the whole family on the cheap.

One thing the AGA could consider doing is offering free admission for one day week. I'm talking about the whole day and not just a few hours in the evening. During the day most of the people for an admission whom charge is no big deal are going to be at work. Free admission would benefit those who need it the most; low-income seniors, stay-at-home moms, and people in between jobs.

We have a new beautiful art gallery in Edmonton. A socially conscious approach to admission would be a good thing for this city. It would also help prevent the AGA from becoming yet another elitist cultural mausoleum.

Ference Harding is a corporate communicator He's a keen observer of all things Edmonton; edmontonletters@metronews.ca.



Worth mentioning

Pioneering snowflake photos on sale in N.Y.

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site delicacy of a snowflake.

His groundbreaking 1931

book, Snow Crystals,

recorded for posterity the

beauty, fragility and lacy de-

signs of 2,500 snowflakes.

person to capture the im-

with a camera are going up for sale in Groundbreaking York, • The year was 1885. By jufeaturing exry-rigging a microscope with a bellows camera, Bentley was able to capture

19th-century images

no two alike.

Wilson A. Bentley, a Vermont farmer presented by the American

Ten of the images are of snowflakes, which

called snow crystals, and are priced at \$4,800 each. The others show winter scenes.

They being offered by Carl Hammer, whose Chicago art gallery showing 20 other Bentley

photographs.

"They're remarkably beautiful," Hammer said. "There are imperfections on the outer edges of the image itself and on the paper, but the images themselves are quite spectacular. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Photographs by the first Folk Art Museum.

age of a single snowflake

amples from a life's work of pioneering thousands of jewel-like snowflakes

known as Snowflake Bentley and The Snowflake Man, was fascinated with snowflakes, and starting Thursday, 26 of his images are for sale at the four-day American Antiques Show

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The number of Canadians who have emergency funds set aside for up to three months of their income.

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Views

Canada pitches in to help Haiti Friday night



I live in Vancouver and sometimes take the bus to work through an area known as the Downtown Eastside — what's called 'the poorest postal code in North America." Not a lot of people with a lot of money ride that bus.

So imagine my surprise this week, hearing passengers talk about how they want to send money to Haiti, devastated by the Jan. 12 earthquake.

"I owe Visa a whack of money," said a middle-aged woman, dressed in a slightly dirty coat, missing a button. "But I'm gonna put a donation to Haiti on my credit card. They could use the money.

An older man across the aisle joined in, saying he had a collection agency tracking him down, but he was putting a cheque for

\$25 in the Haiti.

planned and the money to earmarked for aid.

people with

very little money figuring out how to help others far worse off than themselves. It says a lot about the spirit of our country. Yes, our household debt hit a record high last year — for every \$100 of income, Canadians owe \$145 in debt.

And, yet, people are opening their wallets to lend a hand to Haiti. The

Red Cross says Canadians have donated almost \$36 million and made another \$8 million in pledges. Other charities are reporting big donations,

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mail to help "And, yet, people too. World Vision says aid are opening their is coming in A third passenger said he wallets to lend a faster during to hand to Haiti. The 2004 tsunami. collect bottles **Red Cross says** So far, it has donate Canadians have raised more than \$5 milthe Red Cross, **donated almost \$36** lion. Care Canada million and made Haitian another \$8 million and Save the Children are These are in pledges." raising

lions, too. There's no overall figure available, but other charities receiving donations include Medecins Sans Frontieres Canada, UNICEF and Plan Canada.

Marketplace. Tonight, the program I regularly cohost on CBC Television, will be pre-empted: CBC Television, CTV and Global Television are collaborating to

produce Canada For Haiti, a one-hour, commercial-free special featuring a starstudded lineup of Canadian talent. Also broadcasting tonight is the U.S. telethon Hope For Haiti Now, hosted by George Clooney.

Programming begins tonight at 7 local ET/CT/PT and 8 local AT/MT.

Donations accepted during the broadcast will benefit a coalition of Canadian non-governmental organizations, including Canadian Red Cross Society, Care Canada, Free the Children, Oxfam Canada, Oxfam Ouebec, Plan Canada, Save the Children Canada, UNICEF Canada and World Vision Canada.

I hope you'll tune in and donate if you can.

Who knows? Maybe next week on the bus you'll be talking about what you did to help.

Erica Johnson co-hosts CBC Television's investigative program, Marketplace, pre-empted tonight for a Haiti fundraiser, but normally seen at 8:30 p.m.

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Meteorite hits doctor's office

Doctors at a small U.S. medical practice got a big surprise when a tennis ball-sized meteorite punched a hole through their roof. No one was injured. Dr. Frank Ciampi says the rock struck the two-story building around 5:30 p.m. Monday in Lorton, Va., not far from Washington, D.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World



Soviet-era practices returning to Russia?

Some time in the coming month, Russian poetess Yulia Privedyonnaya, left, may be sent off to a psychiatric ward in a case activists described Thursday as a dangerous throwback to the Soviet-era practice of punitive psychiatry. Earlier this month, the Supreme Court upheld a ruling that Privedyonnaya should undergo a month-long psychiatric examination. Her case is part of a long-standing effort by authorities to enforce political conformity, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS said Sergei Kovalvov, a Soviet-era dissident.

123 Haitian children arrive in Netherlands

Haiti

Enveloped in his new mother's embrace, fourvear-old Jersen Silvester Eefting gazed wide-eyed around a hotel lobby at the end of an 11-hour flight that whisked him from the devastation of Haiti to his new home in the Netherlands.

"It feels magnificent," said Roel Eefting as he shot video of the newly-adopted son he had met minutes earlier.

Iersen was one of 123 children, aged from two months to seven years, flown to the Netherlands Thursday. They arrived on a plane chartered by the Dutch government and two adoption agencies to airlift children out of Haiti to new lives in the Netherlands and Luxembourg. None of the children was hurt in last week's earthquake. But Macky Schouten, head of the Netherlands Adoption Foundation, said it was difficult getting them from their orphanages in Haiti to



A woman believed to be with a Dutch adoption association carries two Haitian children Thursday after arriving in the Netherlands.

the choked Port-Au-Prince airport.
"They had to come from

different houses in a situation that was very dangerous" she said. The children

Not quilty plea in pet cruelty case

NEW YORK A woman pleaded not guilty Thursday to abusing family pets in front of her children at their home, where authorities said 42 dead animals were found buried. Her 21-yearold son had contacted authorities in November He described the home as a concentration camp for the animals" and claimed he and some of his younger siblings were present when animals were abused and killed. A judge removed Sharon McDonough's six daughters, ranging in age from 18 months to 13 years, from the home.

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News in brief

U.K. Britain's main opposition party accused the government Thursday of drafting plans to close embassies and reduce antiterrorism work to cope with a huge national debt and a slump in the value of the

pound, Conservative Party lawmaker David Lidington told the House of Commons that an internal Foreign Office memo urges diplomats to draft contingency plans to fire staff and close some overseas THE ASSOCIATED PRESS posts.

One horror after another in Haiti

Haiti Crisis

PORT-AU-PRINCE Workers are carving out mass graves on a hillside north of Haiti's capital, using earth-movers to bury 10,000 people in a single day even as relief workers warn that Haitians are still dying of injuries from the Jan. 12 quake for lack of medical care.

Clinics have 12-day waiting lists for patients, crushed arms and legs are festering and makeshift camps that have sprung up in parks, streets and vacant lots now house an estimated 500,000 people, many in need of food and water.

'The next health risk could include outbreaks of diarrhea, respiratory tract infections and other diseases among hundreds of

"I have seen so many children ... I cannot sleep ... if I do, it is a constant nightmare."

Worker Foultone Fequiert, on burying bodies in mass graves north of Port-au-Prince

thousands of Haitians living in overcrowded camps with poor or nonexistent sanitation," said Dr. Greg Elder, deputy operations manager for Doctors Without Borders in Haiti.

The death toll is estimated at 200,000, according to Haitian government figures, with 80,000 buried in mass graves. The commission now estimates two million are homeless.

North of Port-au-Prince, burial workers said the macabre task of handling the never-ending flow of bodies was traumatizing.

"I have seen so many children, so many children. I cannot sleep at night and, if I do, it is a constant nightmare," said Foultone Fequiert, his face covered with a T-shirt against the overwhelming stench.

Joseph St. Juste and his five-year-old daughter, Jessica, were among 50,000 people spending their nights at a golf course under shelters of bed sheets or cardboard boxes. He is afraid to stay in his home because of the aftershocks.

St. Juste, a 36-year-old bus driver, wakes up every day and goes out to find food and water for his daughter.

"I wake up for her," he "I've got to get out of said. Haiti. There is no life in Haiti." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Accused feared removal from home

VIRGINIA The man accused of unleashing a bloodbath that killed eight people on the quiet homestead he shared with his sister and her family had complained to a friend that he feared being kicked out of the However, an attorney said

that Christopher Speight's sister was not trying to remove her brother. Henry Devening said Speight's sister last week put the property in her brother's name. He added Speight had a history of mental problems.

Speight, 39, was charged late Wednesday with one count of murder and is likeadditional face

fied Speight's sister, Lauralee Sipe, and her husband, Dewayne, both 38, as two of the victims, along with 16-year-old Ronald Scruggs; 15-year-old Emily Quarles; 43-year-old Karen and Jonathan Quarles; 15year-old Morgan Dobyns; and 4-year-old Joshua Sipe.

Police say Speight knew all the victims, but they did not outline the victims' relationships.

The house was where police found most of the bodies. Speight gave himself up to police early Wednesday after leading investigators on an 18-hour manhunt.

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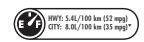


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Embassy launches Facebook page

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is looking for Iraqi friends on its new Facebook WOTLO page. The embassy launched the page to reach out to Iraqi youth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edwards admits to fathering child

Former U.S. Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards finally came forward Thursday to admit that he fathered a child with a woman that he hired before his second failed White House bid.

Edwards, a former U.S. senator from North Carolina and 2004 vice-presidential candidate, confirmed this in a statement released to The Associated Press, after initially denying that he'd fathered a child during his affair with videographer Rielle Hunter. The statement came



as the second birthday Frances Quinn Hunter approaches and days be-

fore a new book about the scandal is due. It was written by Andrew Young, the Edwards campaign aide

who initially said he was the baby's father. "I am Quinn's father," the



In this 2009 file photo, Rielle Hunter leaves court with her child.

former senator declared in his statement. He admitted it was wrong to have denied that and vowed to do "everything in my power" to support the girl. Edwards had admitted the affair but denied he was the father of the child. In an excerpt of an ABC interview, Young says that Edwards asked him to arrange a fake a paternity test. "Get a doctor to fake the DNA results," Young said Edwards told him. "And he asked me ... to steal a diaper from the baby so he could secretly do a DNA test to find out if this (was) indeed his child."

Edwards' wife, Elizabeth, has been battling incurable cancer since March 2007.

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U.S. commander looks to cut down on Afghan night raids

AFGHANISTAN The top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan plans to tighten the rules on night raids. The Associated Press has learned, in a new step to curb public anger over perceived violations against civilians.

Such raids have emerged as the No. 1 complaint among Afghans after Gen. Stanley McChrystal curbed the use of airstrikes and other weaponry last year.

NATO spokesman Rear Adm. Gregory Smith told

Sensitive of civilians

• The U.S.-led force has become increasingly sensitive to complaints by Afghan civilians as part of a renewed effort to win support among the public and lure people away from the Taliban, Last year the U.S. curbed the use of airpower and heavy weapons if civilians could be put at risk.

the AP a new directive would be issued soon to set down new rules for night

"It addresses the issue that's probably the most socially irritating thing

that we do and that is entering people's homes at night," he said Wednesday. He would not elaborate pending a formal announcement.

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Prayer ritual forces down plane

PHILADELPHIA A teenage airplane passenger using an Orthodox Jewish prayer instrument caused a misunderstanding that led the captain to divert the Kentucky-bound plane to Philadelphia and prompted a visit from a bomb squad.

A 17-year-old boy on US Airways Express Flight 3079 travelling from New York to Louisville was using tefillin, a set of black boxes attached to leather straps and containing biblical passages.

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Gitmo deadline passes

GUANTANAMO As U.S. President Barack Obama neared his self-imposed deadline to close the Guantanamo Bay prison, the Justice Department offices of the terrorist detention task force was bustling, not with lawyers, but construction workers tearing apart the walls, ripping out any trace of its secretive work, although Obama's goal to shutter the prison is still

The staffers were gone, having completed recommendations on detention policy.

Wednesday, Guantanamo task force made its final recommendations for all of the 198 remaining detainees awaiting transfer, trial or further detention.

Attorney General Eric Holder has reviewed the bulk of those recommendations and decided that the most feared detainee – the self-declared mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four henchmen should face trial in New York.

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Defence contractor to take God out of guns

A U.S. defence contractor will stop voluntarily stamping references to Bible verses on combat rifle sights sold to the U.S. military, a major buyer of the company's gear. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stolen Auschwitz sign returned

POLAND The infamous Arbeit Macht Frei sign stolen month from Auschwitz and broken into three pieces was returned to the museum at the site of the Nazi death camp Thursday.
Police — who had quick-

ly recovered the damaged sign after its theft — gave it to museum officials at a brief ceremony in Krakow. It was then taken to the museum 80 kilometres away, where conservation experts examined the three dark steel pieces of the sign, whose cynical Nazi slogan means Work Sets You Free

Thieves had cut up the sign at the site of the death camp the night of their heist to make it easier to transport in their getaway

Five Polish suspects have confessed to stealing it on Dec. 18. However, officials are still seeking a suspected neo-Nazi from Sweden who is believed to have ordered the theft, possibly for a collector of Nazi memorabilia, prosecutors

The sign has been examined in recent weeks by police forensic experts for evidence, and the museum's conservationists will assess the damage and determine how to repair it, Auschwitz spokesman Pawel Sawicki

"It's a very long process," Sawicki said, stressing that the sign would not be returned any time soon to its original spot above the entrance main Auschwitz — if at all.

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Egyptian cleric targets cellphone prayer ring

Egypt's top cleric wants Muslims to answer the call to prayer, but not when it's ringing on their cellphones.

'God's words are sacred. ... He ordered us to respect them and glorify them," Gomaa said.

Muslims are required to pray five times a day, and the time for this is announced solely with calls to prayers from mosques, Gomaa said. "The calls to prayer are to announce it is time ... using it as a ringtone is confusing and mis-

Islamic ringtones are ubiquitous in this country

Fatwas

• Edicts, or fatwas, serve as advice for the pious who observe them closely. Gomaa's edict, published on the official website of Dar al-Iftah, one of Sunni Islam's earliest institution for interpreting religion, is not bind-

of 80 million. They are also making the rounds in Baghdad, Saudi Arabia, the West Bank and to a lesser degree, multi-sectarian Lebanon. A group of Saudi clerics recently made a similar plea to Saudis not to use Qur'an for ring-

In Egypt, verses or calls to prayer from the holy book of Qur'an are not only popular as ringtones. They have become the rage with screen savers and text messages in holiday greetings. The tones can be downloaded from the Internet, mobile phone company websites and are advertised on TV stations.

With a rising tide of Islamic conservatism, Egyptians are increasingly pep-pering their lives with religious symbols, and turn to fatwas

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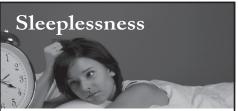
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Radical flown back: Official

TERRORISM A Jamaicanborn radical Muslim cleric who once led a British mosque attended by convicted terrorists is being flown back to Jamaica, a Kenyan prosecutor said Thursday.

The High Court had ordered the government to produce Sheik Abdullah el-Faisal in court on Thursday and state the reasons it was holding him in detention. A judge issued the order after the Muslim Human Rights Forum filed a suit on behalf of el-Faisal, asking the High Court to stop his proposed deportation.

"I have been told by the Anti-Terrorism Police Unit officers that the subject is no longer within the jurisdiction of the court. He has left the country and his destina-tion is Jamaica," Okello

He said el-Faisal was flown out of Kenya Thursday on a Gulfstream jet.

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A forecast of future U.S. economic activity jumped 1.1 per cent in December, a private research group said Thursday, suggesting that economic growth in the United States could pick up this spring. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Recovery to pick up: BoC

Canada's economic recovery is becoming more solidly entrenched with the private sector beginning to play an increasingly pivotal role in leading the country out of recession, the Bank of Canada said Thursday in its latest policy report.

In a mildly upbeat assessment, the central bank's quarterly outlook contains some upward revisions for growth in the United States, China, Europe and Japan that should help Canada's battered exporters and manufacturing sector in the next two years.

Economy grows

 Canada's economy likely grew by 3.3 per cent in the last three months of 2009, the Bank of Canada says. For 2010, it will advance by 2.9 per cent, followed by a 3.5 per cent pickup in 2011.

And it says Canada's economy will grow faster going forward than expected, in part because it got off to such a slow start last summer.

Overall, the central bank appears more optimistic about the sustainability of the recovery around the world, although it also cautions that risks of a stall in recovery remain.

There is also some upside

hope, the bank adds, conditions may continue to improve better than projected.

"It is thus possible that the recovery in global demand could be more vigorous than projected, resulting in stronger external demand for Canadian exports," the bank judges. In Canada, it adds: "Eco-

In Canada, it adds: "Economic growth is expected to become more solidly en-

trenched over the projection period as self-sustaining growth in private demand takes hold."

The analysis is broadly similar to what the bank said last October, when it last issued a comprehensive forecast on the economy, but the tone is brighter at the margins and the danger signals less frequent.

"The global economic recovery is under way," Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney said at a news conference following the central bank's latest quarterly report on monetary policy.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bankruptcies fall, but still more than 2008

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ECONOMY The number of Canadian individuals and businesses who filed for bankruptcy fell for the second straight month in November, but remained higher than they were in the same month of 2008.

The total number of bankruptcies declined by four per cent to 8,878 in No-

vember compared to 9,245 in October, according to figures released Thursday by the federal Superintendent

of Bankruptcy.
Part of the drop was at-

tributed to fewer consumer bankruptcies, which declined 3.8 per cent to 8,482 in November from 8.816 in October. Business filings dropped 7.7 per cent to 396, from 429 in October.

There was a much bigger decline between October and September, which historically sees a heavy volume of bankruptcies. The volume last September may have also been boosted by a

change in fees.

November tends to have a relatively light volume of bankruptcies, showing month-to-month declines in all but three years in the past decade.

Compared to November 2008, consumer and individual bankruptcies were still up 2.4 per cent from 8,669 a

year earlier because of an increase in bankruptcies by individuals.

The number of individual bankruptcies in November was up 3.9 per

cent from 8,163 in November 2008 while the number of business bankruptcies fell 7.7 per cent from 506 in November 2008.

The recession's impact could be more clearly seen in the number of bankruptcies over a 12-month period, which rose 29.6 per cent to 121,988 in November from 94,134 in the period ended November 2008.

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GM's Opel to cut 8,300 jobs

UNEMPLOYED General Motor Co.'s Opel unit will cut 8,300 jobs across Europe, including 4,000 in Germany, and close a plant in

Antwerp, Belgium — casualties of the "tough reality" of a shrinking European auto market.

Antwerp, Belgium — casualties of the "We have to take a plant out and unfortunately it's Antwerp."

Nick Reilly, Opel

Opel head
Nick Reilly said Thursday
that the Antwerp plant had
to go, with the loss of more
than 2,300 jobs, because
the company needs to shed
20 per cent of its manufacturing capacity. That's because far fewer cars are being sold as a result of the re-

cession

"We have to take a plant out and unfortunately it's Antwerp," Reilly said at a press conference in Brus-

sels. "It is the tough reality of the current business environment."

The plant, founded in 1924, has already shrunk

from employing 7,000 workers at its peak to around a third of that to-day. It produces the Astra three-door, convertible and station-wagon versions, almost all of them for delivery outside Belgium.

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Fast food The King in Moscow



A woman walks by a poster announcing the opening of Burger King's first outlet in Russia at a shopping mall in northwest Moscow Thursday. The American-owned fast food chain will open another outlet in downtown Moscow on Monday. Main rival McDonald's operates 235 restaurants throughout Russia.

Business in brief

LOSSES Canadian life sciences company MDS Inc. issued preliminary results Thursday, including a \$19-million US loss from its continuing operations and a \$58-million loss overall in the fourth quarter. Torontobased MDS is in the process of selling most of its remaining business units but will keep MDS Nordion, best known for supplying medical isotopes to customers used around the world. The loss from continuing operations for Q4 was 15 cents per share. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Mariners. Hernandez reach five-vear deal

Felix Hernandez and the Seattle Mariners have completed a \$78 million US, five-year deal that averts an arbitration hearing and keeps the young ace under contract through 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apology for crotch-grab prank

An Italian television channel has apologized for a prank in which a female presenter attempted to grab David Beckham, left, between the legs. The AC Milan midfielder was visibly angered when Elena Di Cioccio, who fronts the popular show Le lene (The Hyenas) on Italia Uno, made her move while the soccer player was being interviewed by another person Wednesday.

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Sports in brief

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Ottawa 3 St. Louis 2 Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 2 (OT) Carolina 5 Atlanta 2

BASEBALL Joe Blanton and the Philadelphia Phillies have agreed to a \$24-million US, three-year contract that avoided a salary arbitration.

NFL Wade Phillips is sticking around as coach of the Dallas Cowboys for two more years, team owner Jerry Jones said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

THURSDAY'S RESULTS Cleveland 93 L.A. Lakers 87 L.A. Clippers at Denver

Quinn not ready to relax

If Pat Quinn was ready to take it easy, he'd be spending his days spoiling his grandchildren or hitting golf balls at his vacation home in Califor-

At a time when most men his age are retired. Quinn is instead trying to get the Edmonton Oilers back on track.

Mired in a nine-game losing streak and with just one win in their last 17, the veteran coach has his work cut out for him.

But Quinn shrugs off the suggestion he'd be happier away from the game as the Oilers are destined to miss the playoffs for a fourth straight season.

Being a coach isn't just what Quinn does - it's what he is.

"Good or bad," smiles



Pat Quinn stands on the bench as Jordan Eberle and Dustin Penner walk to the dressing room after a pre-season game last fall.

Ouinn, who turns 67 on Jan. 29. "Life isn't always ups. It's downs, but when you head to the rink the next morning you get a chance to make it better.

"I love being around the rink every day. As I got a little older, I liked dealing

with the young players on a day-to-day basis. I look forward to challenging myself to find ways to help them get better. I try to focus on that."

The Oilers raised some eyebrows when they unveiled Quinn as Craig MacTavish's replacement in May. Not because the twotime Jack Adams Award winner as NHL coach of the year didn't have the resume, but because he'd been out of the league since the Toronto Maple Leafs cut him loose after the 2005-06 season.

With 1,318 games of experience behind an NHL bench when Edmonton GM Steve Tambellini hired him, Quinn's been coaching in the league since before all but seven players on the Oilers roster were born.

"He's respected by his players because he goes to bat for them," said Oilers forward Sam Gagner.

"It's been a tough situation this year because we haven't been able to win for him." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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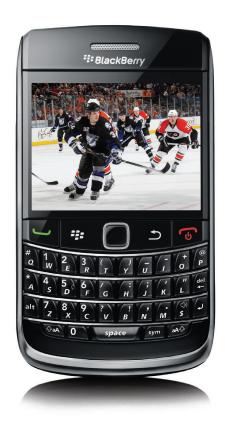
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Thunder owners agree to settle lawsuit

The owners of the Oklahoma City Thunder, formerly the Seattle SuperSonics, have agreed to pay former Sonics season-ticket holders US \$1.6 million to settle a class-action lawsuit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Strategy of curling a draw for Martin

At a glance

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A quick look at Canadian

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Morris, Marc Kennedy, Ben

Home club: Saville Sports

Olympic competition: Feb.

Past Olympic results: This

will be the third Games for

Martin. He finished fourth

in 1992 at Albertville and

was a silver medallist in 2002 at Salt Lake. Morris,

Kennedy and Hebert will all

make their Olympic debut.

his father and great grand-

father all worked as icemak-

ers at the historic Avonair

curling club in Edmonton.

Did you know?: Martin,

Centre in Edmonton

Olympic curler Kevin Martin

He's among curling's elite now, but there was a time when Kevin Martin wasn't so sure it was the sport for

A decent hockey player growing up, Martin was torn between the two deciding sports when where to go to college. Lethbridge or Medicine Hat for their hockey opportunities or Edmonton's Northern Alberta Institute of Technology to pursue curling.

"My marks weren't that good and I thought

maybe I'd only get into one of the schools and that would make up my mind for me," Martin said in a recent "But view. then I got accepted to all three so then I had to make a choice and obto NAIT to curl." viously I went

Martin, who threw his first rock at age seven, says he was won over by the strategy of curling.

"It wasn't an easy decision. I still love hockey,' says Martin. "I'm a big hockey fan, I love watch-ing it, but I just got deep into curling and it gets in your blood. Curling is kind of like golf that way — once you get bitten by it, boy, you really enjoy it.

"It's all about strategy and angles. It's a math game and so are curling and golf and snooker and even chess for that mat-

Martin, a native of Killam, Alta., who now curls out of Edmonton, has alappreciated such challenges. A member of the chess club in high school, Martin also excelled at snooker as a youngster.

He says he spent "hours and hours" playing the game at a local club and still picks up a pool cue on a regular basis. Golf is also a passion.
But his choice of curling

has paid off handsomely. A four-time Brier champion, Martin has 10 Grand Slam titles on the World Curling Tour and has led his teams

to some \$2 million in winnings. He has represented Canada at two Olympics, winning silver in 2002 at Salt Lake City. Martin, 43, won his first

Brier in 1991. Over the years, he has learned not to get too high or too low after winning or losing.

"I don't get upset with much anymore," Martin says. "I would definitely losses really hard when I was young, but you lose enough and you win

enough that pretty soon you can take either. You win can properly or lose OK."

"Keeping yourself on an even keel think is the best way play sports, but it's not easy to do that. It takes a lot of years to be able to do that.

That attiexplains Martin's cool take on his Olympic sil-

ver. "You try your best and unfortunately it didn't work out and yeah, it was a tough loss to take, but there's nothing you can do with these things," he says.

"So no I don't think I overreacted to it, but it sure makes you try hard and train as hard again to get back.

Martin, considered one of the favourites in the Olympic field, heads to Vancouver with a team chosen with the Games in mind.

He and third John Morris, second Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert have an easy camaraderie on the ice.

"I wanted a team that could play strong and con-sistent with a four-year plan of trying to get to Van-

couver," he says. "That was definitely part

Martin's silver in 2002 is one of three medals for Canada in men's curling. Mike Harris also captured silver in 1998 at Nagano while Brad Gushue won gold four years ago in Turin.

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Habs part ways with Laraque

HOCKEY General manager Bob Gainey feels his Montreal Canadiens have a far better chance of making the playoffs without enforcer Georges Laraque than they do with him.

So even though Laraque will remain on the team's roster and his salary will still count on the team's cap figure, Gainey deemed it necessary Thursday to jettison Laraque from the Canadiens for the remainder of the season.

"I told him that he would not be continuing as part of our group for the rest of this season. for reasons of lack of productivity



Georges Laraque

and distractions to our group," Gainey said. "We felt our goals were more achievable to continue without him as part of the group.

Laraque told TSN just after receiving the news Thursday morning that it was classless on Gainey's part to let him go considering everything that was going on in Haiti, where both his parents were born

Gainey said Thursday that the decision to let Laraque go had in fact been taken prior to the Jan. 12 earthquake that devastated the country, but it was put on hold in light of Laraque's ties to Haiti.

"It's obviously extremely disappointing for it to finish like this, but what's going on in Haiti right now has given me some perspective," Laraque said on Thursday afternoon.

"I want to look at the positives." The canadian press

'I feel like a new man': Cabrera on drinking problem

BASEBALL Instead of honing his swing this off-season, Miguel Cabrera focused on getting sober.

"My drinking was a problem, and I feel good with-out it. I feel like a new man," he said Thursday.

The Detroit Tigers slugger spent three months in an outpatient treatment program for alcoholism following a much-publicized drinking binge dur-ing the final weekend of last season, a program that general manager Dave Dombrowski said will continue into spring training and the up-Miguel Cabrera

coming season. "I've worked very hard

after a domestic-abuse with my doctors and my complaint was filed by family this winter, and his wife in the early morning of Oct. 3
— hours before a I'm going to keep working," Cabrera said as the Tigers crucial started their Winter against the Chicathrough Caravan Michigan.

Cabrera said he has turned his life around. He he said hasn't had drink since he

was tak-

go White Sox. The all-star first baseman with a US \$152.3 million

game

contract got drunk enough between Friday night's game and Saturday morning to have what police said was a 0.26 blood-alcohol reading three times above Michigan's legal limit for driving — and a bruised and cut left cheek.

Cabrera said he feels as though he let down his teammates that weekend and he intends to make up for it this season.

He acknowledged there have been games in the past when his performance was affected by booze.

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The New Orleans Saints defensive players are a group known fo

Saints' D all for taking risks

"This defence is the

everybody in the

NFL would want to

The ideas Gregg Williams covered in his first formal meeting with the Saints' defence had nothing to do with formations or coverages and everything to do with nastiness and fear.

"That was a defining moment as far as mindset,' Saints linebacker Scott Shanle said, recalling a speech of about 30 minutes that Williams delivered back when off-season workouts be-

gan last spring. "This defence is type of defence the type of defence everybody in NFL play in." the would want to play in." Scott Shanle,

The Saints Saints linebacker are not im-

mune to giving up big plays and lots of yards. They ranked 25th in the regular season in yards allowed (357.8 per game), yielding more than 400 in a game six times this sea-

Such statistics could be a problem with a quarterback like Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings visiting New Orleans on Sunday in the NFC champi-onship game. Yet Williams said on Thursday that he

doesn't worry about that. The Saints' defence gives up yards because Williams and his players take an aggressive approach that sometimes means taking risks. The reward can be game-changing plays. The Saints were second in the NFL this season in turnovers with 39 on 26 interceptions and 13 fumble

> "That's a huge part of our success so far, being able to turn over ball, being able to score when we do get the furnovers

and change the game," defensive end Will Smith said.

The system has been a fantastic fit for veteran free safety Darren Sharper, who called Williams a "genius" as far back as training camp, before his nine regular season interceptions, three of which he returned for scores. New Orleans also had 35 sacks this season, an improvement of seven over the previous season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man U looks to retake Premier lead

SOCCER With its rivals in FA Cup action this weekend, Manchester United has the opportunity to address its recent disappointing form and retake the Premier League lead.

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Maëlle Ricker and Dominique Maltais hit the snowboardcross podium Thursday, while fellow Canadian Mike Robertson officially punched his ticket to the Vancouver Winter Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Olympics in brief

NHL No decision is coming any time soon on the future participation of NHL players in the Olympic hockey tournament, but the issue will require extensive discussions

between the league and the NHL Players' Association, according to NHL commissioner Gary Bettman. There is no agreement in place for the 2014 Winter Olympic games

in Sochi, Russia and Bettman told reporters in Calgary on Thursday that the league isn't leaning one way or another. MOGULS Hannah Kearney led an American podium sweep

today at a World Cup women's moguls competition, while Guilbaut Colas of France won gold in the men's event.

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Canadian skier Emily Brydon will be competing in her third, and

'Speed Queen' has last hurrah



call the hotel in northern Italy and the man at reception says he'll find Emily Brydon right away. 'Everyone knows her,'

he claims

There's chuckling and I make out Emily's voice as she scurries to the phone leaving her ski buddies for a moment. No doubt they'll pardon the interruption and anxiously wait to hear the finish of

her latest tall tale. Brydon has been an enormous part of the Canadian ski story for more than a decade.

She's a constant contender and stood on the World Cup podium nine times. That's more than any female in this country's alpine history with the exception of Nancy Greene, Laurie Graham and Betsy Clifford.

That's exceptional company to keep.

Then again, Emily Brydon is an exceptional woman — larger than life, some might say.

Her third Olympics in 2010 will be her last as she moves on with a career that includes the operation of a children's foundation near her home in Fernie, B.C. She also wants to work with Right to Play and make

more trips to Africa to help desperate kids. She saw a lot in Ghana when she went there last - it opened her eyes.

Women hit podium

"By putting a definite conclusion to my career I've sort of inspired my-self," she says. "I don't want to have any regrets."

Brydon is a survivor and can make the best of any given situation. That's why she's the acknowledged leader of the Canadian female team, unoffi-cially dubbed "The Speed Queens."

It's a tight-knit group that has lost stars Kelly VanderBeek and Larisa Yurkiw to injury.

"I've experienced it all," Brydon sighs wistfully.

"It would be easy to get caught up in the sadness of those who won't experience the Games. But it makes me appreciate the team we have. We need to keep going. We have a job to do.

There's also an unfinished story to tell and even on a phone, thou-sands of miles away, I can sense Brydon believes there can be a happy end-

ing.
"I'm totally prepared," she stresses.

"I have to hold on to that. I'm so proud to be Canadian.

I say goodbye to her, hoping the speed queen's last hurrah will be a tall tale we can all remember for many years to come.

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My fiancé and I have been together for a long time and we already live together. We were wondering if you know of an appropriate way to ask for cash-only gifts.

It is a hard situation but becoming more standard. Understand that just because you invite someone to your wedding, this does not mean they have to get you a gift. This is why it is still frowned upon to put registry information or gift requests with your Save-The-Date cards and invitations. The easiest (and most polite) way to request cash gifts is to let your parents, wedding party and close family and friends about your request so when asked, they can let your guests know, especially if you have a specific thing planned (down payment, honeymoon etc).

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Mel takes Darkness to the max

Actor returns to screen after eight-year hiatus

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Mel Gibson returns to acting with Edge of Darkness, his first lead role since 2002's Signs. The reason for such a long break is simple, he insists: He got bored.

"I walked away from it after Signs because I just felt I was a bit stale. It wasn't ringing my bells," Gibson says.

says.
"I was just tired and bored with it, you know?" But the veteran actor and director knew he wasn't giving up for good. "You don't know. That's why I didn't make some big pronouncement, like, 'I'm quitting, I'm retiring."

Quitting is something very much on Gibson's mind these days, since at

the time of our interview he was nine days into quitting smoking.

"The first three days, I was like an axe murderer," he confides. "It is a hellish habit to break. Your neurons are involved. My mother smoked, I think, when I was in her womb."

Quitting smoking was proba-**Edge of** bly a good idea if he's going Darkness to take on more films opens next like Edge of Darkness, in which he plays a veteran trying to cop solve his daughter's murder — and getting into plenty of scrapes along the wav.

One particular fight scene called for some preparation, Gibson ad-



Mel Gibson, left, stars in the action thriller Edge of Darkness

dered a chiro-

practor for the

day after, because

I knew I was going

to wake up like roadkill, and I did," he says.

"You don't bounce back as

quick as you used to, and

that guy's 25 and he's tak-

ing it easy on me. It's not a

pleasant experience.

Gibson's next film, The Beaver, co-starring and directed by Jodie Foster, sounds much less physical — and a lot quirkier. "It's about a guy who's clinically depressed," Gibson explains. "Circumstances somehow dictate that he finds himself with a ratty beaver hand puppet on his arm, and he manages to

kind of save himself and his life and his family and everything by expressing himself through this hand puppet, because that's all he can do."

As for Gibson the director, he's eager to return to the past with a longplanned Viking film starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

"The very first idea I ever

On the web

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had about making a film was when I was 16 years old and I wanted to make a Viking movie," Gibson says. "And I wanted to make it in Old Norse."

Much like with The Passion of the Christ and Apocalypto, Gibson plans on using historically accurate language.

"I think it's going to be English — the English that would have been spoken back then — and Old Norse," he says.

"Whatever the ninth century had to offer. I'm going to give you real. I want a Viking to scare you. I want to see somebody who I have never seen before speaking low, guttural German who scares the living s— out of me coming up to my house."

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Fairy as fun as pulling teeth

Tooth Fairy

Director: Michael Lembeck
Stars: Dwayne Johnson,
Ashley Judd
Classification: G
Rating: @½

PHIL BROWN

REVIEW It must be tough being Dwayne Johnson. The man is a decent comedic actor and has right physical stature to be an action lead.

Unfortunately he made his name as the professional wrestler The Rock and that's a hard image to shake.

He might not be credited as The Rock on movie posters anymore, but audiences haven't forgotten and his projects are suitably lowbrow.

Johnson has taken Hulk Hogan's crown as the premiere former wrestler turned awkward family film leading man. Johnson's latest cinematic misstep is Tooth Fairy and it just might be his lowest moment yet.

No less than six credited writers were needed to bring this film to life and sadly none of them came up with a decent joke.

To be fair, it would be hard for anyone to mine



Dawyne Johnson stars in Tooth Fairy.

laughs out of a concept that sees Johnson portray a violent hockey player nicknamed the Tooth Fairy (because he knocks out so many teeth on the ice) who becomes an actual tooth fairy.

Explaining how this happens would make even less sense on paper than it does on screen, but the journey somehow allows him to connect with his girlfriend's children.

Tooth Fairy is a frustrat-

ing film that should even irritate youngsters. What's odd is how many recognizable actors turned up for the train wreck.

Ashley Judd, Family Guy creator Seth Macfarlane, The Office co-creator Stephen Merchant, and even Julie Andrews all embarrass themselves at some point during the proceedings.

• For a trailer of Tooth Fairy, screen times of photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

The 2010 BAFTA nominations have been announced, and three films boast a whopping eight nominations, with Avatar, An Education and The Hurt Locker leading the pack. Just behind is District 9 with seven. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Arnett amourous in Rome

Since the cancellation of his critically acclaimed series Arrested **Development, Will Arnett** has carved out a nice place for himself in the animated world, with scene-stealing voice roles in Ratatouille, Horton Hears a Who and Monsters vs. Aliens.

In this month's When in Rome, he gets his face in front of the camera again as one of four unlikely suitors bewitched into pursuing Kristen Bell.

Arnett sat down with Metro to talk about promoting a film, the state of the TV industry and those pesky Arrested Development movie updates.



Are you tired of people asking about the Arrested Development movie?

I'm not bothered by it, like, "Oh, God, leave me alone." We're happy that people liked it. We were never trying to be too cool for school

If anything, we wanted more people to get it. I just say, "Yeah, it's happening, for sure." I mean, it's probably more annoying for people who have to read When In

You've also got Jonah Hex coming up, which

isn't a comedy.

about it.

Jonah Hex is really a departure for me. I would not describe it as funny. For the first time in my career I will have failed if I make people laugh. Although I probably will. People will laugh at me trying to be serious.

Television comedy seems to be making a comeback. How do you see the indus-

With all the problems that there are in TV, the only people that they have to blame are not the viewers, but the TV business itself. **Rome hits** They've served us up so much reality TV, which theatres next was the crack of television.

There's no lasting value to it. And from what I understand with crack, it's the same thing. But if you were to give people something that they could sink their teeth into, whether it's comedy or drama — they could resur-



Will Arnett stars in When In Rome, out next Friday

rect TV again, and I hope that they do do it.

I hope that people's attitudes in this country start to change a little bit and become a bit more liberal. We live in such a conservative place, where you have one-hour dramas that have incredible violence and gore, and yet you can't say certain words.

It's absolutely absurd. It should be the other way around. You should be able to say "f-" and "s-" in a comedy and see nudity as opposed to letting kids see guys getting shot in the head. That's awful to look at. And yet if you had the side of a buttock, people would be up in arms. How absurd in that?

Creation's a rewarding ride

Friday

Creation

Director: Jon Amiel Stars: Jennifer Connelly and Paul Bettany Classification: STC Rating: ###

ANNE BRODIE for Metro Canada

REVIEW Creation's the kind of emotional love story that should have audiences dabbing tears, while dazzled from the sheer beauty of the look of it.

But it's hard to imagine that filmgoers will embrace its story of faith versus science and death set in a distant Victorian past, so it's up to stellar performances and awesome cinematography to evolve into ticket sales.

Naturalist Charles Darwin (Paul Bettany) changed modern thought with the release of his ground breaking book On the Origin of Species, the scientific treatise that sent shockwaves through the "civilised" world with its premise that the world evolved naturally without God's help. It followed years of studies which took him around the world to undiscovered exotic locales where he formulated his theories.

Emma Darwin (Bettany's Jennifer Connelly) was a devout Christian



Creation is a difficult sell, but rewarding for patient audiences.

who regarded them as blasphemous. Their philosophical conflict remained polite but the deaths of their infant son and, in the midst of Darwin's scientific endeavours, his favourite child Annie (Martha West) died, sending them both reeling.

Darwin's devastation accelerates the mental and physical strains of years of overwork and his efforts to calm himself through drugs and weird water cures widened the gap between them.

In all, Creation is a difficult sell to easy going, pleasure seeking audiences who like their gratification instant and preferably in the here and now.

Creation has its strengths; it is emotional without being sentimental, clear headed, beautifully directed and gorgeous to look at. Bettany's bravura performance runs

gamut of joy, creativity, clarity, and extreme focus through to madness. His rawness in dealing with reality and his remaining children after Annie's death is heart-tuggingly poignant. His keen sense of humour — in the stories she tells the children and in vignettes of his work with a chimp — helps the story go down.

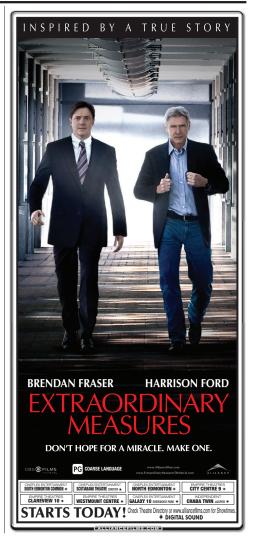
Connelly dares to be unsympathetic in a raw, heartbreaking performance as a grieving mother who fears for her husband's soul. But the wonky English accent is a constant distraction - almost as much as her beauty. The part's not a stretch for her having done the icy but supportive wife of a mad scientist before in A Beautiful Mind.

Amiel's flights of fancy that shorthand his theory of evolution are worth the price of admission - a

bird falls from its nest, decays, provide food for parasites, whose numbers grow and enrich the earth where new life springs forth. The cycle of life in all its cruelty and beauty sweeping by in a few seconds is genius, and mirrored in the Darwin house-

Creation is an admirable piece of work in many ways, but it is heavy hearted and oppressive, which while understandable considering the family's experiences, is difficult. The landscape and interiors mirror the emotional beats in fascinating ways and the whiff of exoticism in Darwin's travels on the Beagle and the stories he tells. leaven the experience. For audiences willing to go the distance, it's a rewarding and interesting ride.

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Allan Ginsberg biopic Howl premiered at the Sundance Film Festival Thursday, but directors Rob Epstein and Jeffrey Friedman have already lined up their next film, and it's Lovelace, the story of Deep Throat star Linda Lovelace. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Measures too ordinary

Extraordinary **Measures**

Director: Tom Vaughan
Stars: Harrison Ford,
Brendan Fraser, Keri Russell
Classification: PG
Rating: ###

PHIL BROWN for Metro Canada (#)

Extraordinary Measures was created with good intentions, but it just can't escape an unfortunate "disease of the week" TV movie quality.

Though based on a true story, the screenplay is so rife with clichés and obvious emotional manipulation that it doesn't just tug on your heartstrings, but pulls on them with such brute force that you'll want to file assault charges by the time the credits roll.

There is the nucleus for

a touching movie somewhere in the material, but unfortunately the filmmakers never quite found it.

Brendan Fraser stars as John Crowley, a man who abandons his high paying job in an attempt to find a cure for the rare disease that threatens to take his children's lives.

Despite having no background in science or medicine, Crowley seeks out the radical Dr. Stonehill (Harrison Ford) to form a partnership. Together they find funding at a high profile medical facility and set out to discover a cure.

John Crowley is a real man who did quit his job to save his ailing children and his story worthy of a film, just not one with a badass scientist who rocks out to loud music while staring into his microscope and countless scenes of actors



Brendan Fraser's character tries to find a cure for a disease affecting his kids in Extraordinary Measures.

getting weepy and looking thoughtfully off screen rather than expressing real emotions.

You've seen Extraordinary Measures many times before. The filmmakers made no attempt to avoid the trappings of the "terminally ill children" genre of cheap melodrama.

Harrison Ford is admittedly funny as a surly scientist, but he plays a snarky movie character that is awkwardly wedged into a true story. Brendan Fraser does his best as John Crowley, but sadly his role is limited to pouting and appearing stressed for 90 minutes until he can finally smile in the last reel.

John Crowley's story is

certainly unique and inspiring enough to warrant a movie. This just isn't the one he deserves.

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Brisk Life high on actors

High Life

Director: Stars: Timothy Olyphant

Classification: STC

Rating:

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REVIEW The best joke in High Life is also the first, as the film's main character — a washed-out parolee/morphine addict played by Timothy Olyphant — informs us via voice-over that, as far back as he could remember, he had always wanted to be a lawyer.

It's a winking paraphrase of Ray Liotta's scene-setting reminiscence in Goodfellas, and while Gary Yates' Winnipeg-set period thriller isn't a patch on Martin Scorcese's 1990 classic, it does reiterate one of its key themes: being a criminal is especially difficult when you're high as a kite.

Dick's multi-part plan to defraud a series of ATM machines (brand new as of the film's 1983 setting) is actually pretty clever, but populating his crew with three fellow junkies — including his brutal former cellmate (Stephen McIntyre) and a callow ladies' man he meets at an addiction support group (Rossif Sutherland) — is a less-than-genius move.



A group of drug-addled parolees go on a crime spree in Canadian crime thriller High Life, based on Lee McDougall's play.

Yates, who showed a deft touch in the grafter tale Seven Times Lucky, does well in opening up Lee McDougall's award-winning play for the screen, aided in so small part by his game cast.

Olyphant gives a nicely straightforward performance, ceding most of the best lines to the glowering McIntyre.

Seasoned viewers will likely predict at least a few of the film's second-half twists, but High Life understands that it's best to quit while you're ahead: its 78-minute running time leaves a winning impression of briskness.



Coens announce True Grit remake

The Coen Brothers' remake of the classic True Grit for Paramount Pictures will be hitting theaters on Christmas Day of 2010. The remake of the 1969 western stars Jeff Bridges as U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn, the character initially played by John Wayne. IMDB.COM

Reel Time

●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

Squared circle to silver screen





Wrestlers such as Tor Johnson and Hulk Hogan have been appearing in movies for decades.



ou can blame (or thank, depending on your point of view) Vincent K. McMahon for movies like Mr. Nanny and Abraxas. Both starred wrestlers — Hulk Hogan and Jesse Ventura respectively — and while WWE chief McMahon didn't write or direct either of the films, he understood the promotional importance of allowing his wrestlers to make the leap from the ring to the big screen.

It wasn't always that way however.

Although wrestlers have been appearing in movies for decades—

"One of the more prolific wrestlersturned-actors, Canadian-born Rowdy Roddy Piper has dozens of movie credits."

wrestler Lenny Montana played The Godfather's Luca Brazzi and Tor Johnson, the Super-Swedish Angel, made 31 movies including the legendary Plan 9 From Outer Space — initially the powerful McMahon family actively tried to keep their wrestlers off the screen.

For instance, the elder McMahon, Vincent J., who originally hired Hulk Hogan, refused him permission to appear in Rocky III.

He resolutely believed wrestlers should fight, not act. It wasn't until Vince Jr. stepped in and gave Hogan the go-ahead that the heyday of wraslin' movies began in earnest.

After that many of McMahon's bigger-than-

life wrestlers tried their hands at Hollywood stardom, including Dwayne Johnson, a.k.a. The Rock, who headlines this weekend's The Tooth Fairy.

Most of movies in the wrestler genre aren't great—filmjunk.com called Hulk's Santa with Muscles a "crapterpiece"—but there are a couple of notable exceptions.

One of the more prolific wrestlers-turned-actors, Canadian-born Rowdy Roddy Piper has dozens of movie credits, but his high point came in 1988's They Live, where he delivered the now classic line, "I have come here to chew bubblegum and kick ass. And I'm all out of bubblegum." It's his "Hasta la

vista, baby!," and is one of the great action quotes of the decade.

And while it is unlikely that WWE Hall of Famer Stone Cold Steve Austin could ever receive any kind of acting award unless he did his trademarked Axe Handle Elbow Drop on the entire Academy, he has held his in The Longest Yard and The Condemned and has three films coming out in 2010.

Recently Triple H, Stacy Keibler and Goldberg have all tried for acting careers and why not? McMahon calls his wrestlers "entertainers" and The Wrestler director Darren Aronofsky asked rhetorically, "Why aren't wrestlers in SAG? If you really think about it, the Screen Actors Guild should organize them."

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.





A scene from the Oscar-winning Departures, in theatres today.

Departures sentimental

Departures

Director: Yojiro Takita Stars: Masahiro Motoki Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🕮

NED EHRBAR Metro World News



REVIEW A quiet, sentimental film exploring life and death, familial bonds and tradition, Departures seduces his audience gorgeous landscapes, meditative performances and ample doses of comedy.

Though longer than it needs to be and more than a bit predictable, the film

is no less affecting. Whether or not it deserved the Oscar for best foreign language film, however, is up for debate.

Cellist Daigo (Masahiro Motoki) finds himself out on the street after the orchestra he plays for is dissolved.

At a loss, he packs up his patient wife and moves from the big city back to his small hometown, taking over his late mother's house.

Thanks to a typo in a classified ad, Daigo finds himself taking the only job he can find: Working as an "encoffiner," cleaning and dressing the recently de-

ceased in an age-old but little-known Japanese ceremony. The job understandably takes some getting used to.

While dealing with death on a daily basis and suffering the insults and judgments of those closest to him, Daigo eventually must face the ghosts of his past.

The fact that the metaphors used in the movie are obvious or easy to predict doesn't make them any less successful, though, and Daigo's emotional journey satisfies.

The only real problem is that he and the film take so long to get to the point.

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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1. Contra, Vampire Weekend, left; 2. I Dreamed a Dream, Susan Boyle; 3. Animal, Ke\$ha; 4. The Fame,
Lady Gaga; The Element of Freedom, Alicia Keys. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Ke\$ha taps wild side

JENNIFER BILL for Metro Canada

Whether it's singing about brushing her teeth with a bottle of Jack or tossing her cookies in Paris Hilton's closet at a party, Ke\$ha — pop's newest sassy sister — knows her free-spirited, unabashed quest for unfettered fun doesn't make her the best role model for young admirers.

Rather, the 22-year-old TiK ToK singer thinks her fans hold her high on her party-girl pedestal for being real and not afraid to sing about it. Ke\$ha makes little attempt to tamp down her wild side. Thusly her first album, Animal, seems aptly titled.

"I kind of think that this record embodies being an animal and giving into the animal side of yourself, and being really raw," Ke\$ha told Metro , before a private show in Toronto recently. She described her 14-song

1 small onion, thinly sliced

hearts, drained, quartered

1 lb. (450 a) uncooked

Light Grated Cheese

1 can (14 fl oz/398 mL) artichoke

deveined peeled large shrimp

1 Tbsp. chopped fresh parslev

1/4 cup Kraft 100% Parmesan



Animal is the debut album from pop singer Ke\$ha.

debut as "magical" and "a celebration of fun and youth, irreverence" and the resulting "papparazi-ness" as crazy.

"Some songs are funny, and some of them are a bummer and some of them are just unapologetically sassy," Ke\$ha said. "I'm just being honest. I never said that 100 per cent of the things I have done are necessarily things to be copied, it's really just like, I documented my life."

Animal, released Jan. 5, quickly leapt to No. 1 much like TiK ToK catapulted to the top when it bounced onto airwaves in October. TiK ToK has held steady in singles charts and took platinum status in Canada, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand.

Ke\$ha admitted she was almost surprised TiK ToK, which Nielsen Soundscan called the most downloaded song in one week by a female artist, was that good.

lightly. Sprinkle with cheese

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"I had no idea. I actually, like, I wrote it and I didn't think it was anything special because I've written every song on my record so in the process of writing you got excepted and then

every song on my record so in the process of writing you get so excited and then afterwards you're like, 'Is it good? Is it bad?' I had no idea," she said. The L.A.-born Ke\$ha was

raised on welfare and food stamps by her single mother, Pebe Sebert. Ke\$ha grew up in Tennessee recording studios — Sebert co-wrote Old Flames Can't Hold A Candle To You, which became a hit for Dolly Parton in 1980 — and was exposed to the tunes of Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan and Patsy Cline.

On Animal Ke\$ha cheekily chronicles her experiences living life hard.

"I wrote all the songs at a time when I lived in Los Angeles, and I went out all the time and, you know, did have drinks and did dance and did have unapologetic. irreverent, breaking-into-house-parties kind of fun, so I never said that I'm the best role model," she said, "But I do think that if kids can take away anything positive from the record it's that you can have fun with everything and not take certain things . so seriously. I also don't take myself that seriously."

Back from the dead



he biggest promoters and management companies know that if the bag of money on the table is big enough, there's a 99 per cent chance they can convince a band to reunite.

This formula resulted in the resurrection of deadforever bands like Rage Against the Machine, My Bloody Valentine and the Jesus and Mary Chain. What's in store for 2010?

Soundgarden: Given the alleged money issues involving their old manager (who, for added drama, is singer Chris Cornell's exwife; it was a nasty divorce) and the fact that drummer Matt Cameron is a happiest guy to ever play drums for Pearl Jam, I would have bet the mortgage against this ever happening. Details are still being worked out, but watch for a summer tour and some kind of box set in time for Christmas.

Hole: Waiting for Courtney to release her Nobody's Daughter album has been like expecting

Godot to return with those promised double-doubles from Tim Hortons. We still don't have a release date for the CD, but Hole — with Courtney as the only original member — will play a short tour starting in London on Feb. 17.

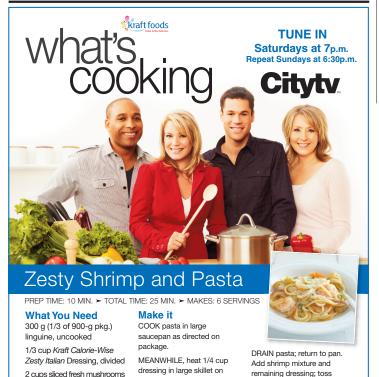
Billboard's top albums

The Plastic Ono Band:
That same night in New
York, Yoko will caterwaul
for one last night. On Feb.
17, she'll be joined by son
Sean, Eric Clapton, Paul Simon, Bette Midler,
Thurston Moore and Kim
Gordon from Sonic Youth,
members of the Scissor Sisters and whomever else
she can round up.

Suede: Excitement amongst Brit-pop fans has been muted since this reunion seems to be just a one-off thing for charity and that it won't feature original guitarist Bernard Butler.

Pavement: We were advised a year in advance that the California lo-fi boffins would be reuniting for a multi-night run in New York's Central Park this September. Since then, though, plans have expanded considerably. Rehearsals start next month with the first gig set for Auckland, New Zealand March 1 followed by Australia, Japan, the U.K. and Europe.

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medium heat. Add

mushrooms, onions and artichokes; cook 3 min. or

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Conan gets \$45M to walk away

NBC said Thursday it has reached a \$45 million US deal with Conan O'Brien for his exit from the Tonight show, allowing Jay Leno to return to the late-night program he hosted for 17 years.

Under the deal, which came seven months after O'Brien took the reins from Leno, O'Brien will get more than \$33 million, NBC said. The rest will go to his 200strong staff in severance, the network said in an announcement on the Today

His final show will be Fri-

day, with Tom Hanks scheduled to appear as well as Will Ferrell — the first guest O'Brien welcomed as Tonight host last June and musical guest Neil Young. Leno will return to Tonight on March 1.

"In the end, Conan was appreciative of the steps NBC made to take care of his staff and crew, and decided to supplement the severance they were getting out of his own pocket," his manager, Gavin Polone, told The Wall Street Journal. "Now he just wants to get back on the air as quickly as

possible." O'Brien

will be free to begin another TV job as soon as September. NBC said.

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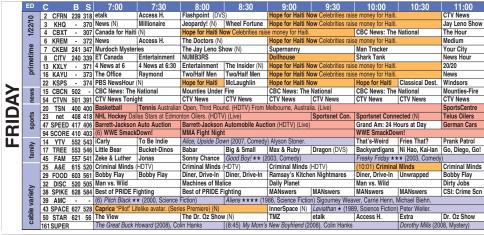
lation on where he might go next. ABC (which airs Nightline and Jimmy Kimmel Live!) has said it wasn't interested, while which lacks a network latenight show, expressed appreciation for his show but nothing more. Comedy Central has also been mentioned.

A spokesman for O'Brien said he would be unavailable for comment.

O'Brien landed Tonight show after successfully hosting Late Night, which airs an hour later, since 1993. But he quickly stumbled in the ratings race against his CBS rival, David Letterman.

Under Leno, the Tonight show was the ratings champ at 11:35 p.m., but he proved an instant flop with his experiment in prime time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS





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William Baldwin will play Blake Lively's estranged father on Gossip Girl. Baldwin, 46, will guest-star as William van der Woodsen beginning with an episode to air April 26. PEOPLE.COM.

Television



Sci-fi princess moves to Ancient Rome

Lucy Lawless steams up the small screen in Spartacus

STEVE GOW

Lucy Lawless is attracting a lot of attention for her latest character — not that the New Zealand actress isn't used to recognition.

As Xena: Warrior Princess, Lawless gained a surfeit of spirited sci-fi fans that adored the cult TV show for six years before following it as one of the sexy Cylons on Battlestar Galactica.

Now Lawless isn't just stirring the fantasies of fanbovs worldwide she's fulfilling them. In her provocative new gladiseries, Spartacus: Blood and Sand (premieron The ing

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Spartacus: Cen-**Blood** and tral Sand airs on this Monday), Lawless is just one

of many characters

"It's really kind of a spooky thing," laughed Lawless of the series' lack of dress. "The good news is that we have very sympathetic producers who work very hard to make us all fantastic even (in high-definition). I mean nobody really looks good on HDTV past the age of nine.

"You get that big old pimple on your bottom, everybody's going to see

Lucky for the cast, Spar-

tacus is a thrilling mix of gritty violence and graphic imagery to distract viewers from any blemished bod-

In fact, with the world of gladiators largely produced in post-production, one might assume it a challenge for

actors. "We don't think about it at all: vour imagination kind of fills in the blanks but its just gorgeous to see the finished prodsaid uct. Lawless.

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Movie Central this Monday Avatar

that spends plenty of on-screen time shedding their togas

"We have really practical sets that you can climb up balconies it's really solidly constructed so it's not imagined; not playing every-

thing to tennis ball on

we used to in the old days."

No matter how it's put together, Spartacus seems destined to be Lawless' third sci-fi success. Starz, the series' U.S. distributor has even already ordered a second season.

It seems that in 2010, audiences are as fascinated

by gladiators as ever.

It satisfies some sort of blood lust we have," said Lawless of the series' time-

(Even) if you took away all the boobs and all the blood and all the special effects, it's just a thrill ride from start to finish.



Lucy Lawless as Lucretia in Spartacus: Blood and Sand.

Cowell to produce a single to help victims in post-quake Haiti

MUSIC TV mogul Simon Cowell said Thursday he would produce a charity single to benefit victims of the earthquake in Haiti.

The American Idol and X-Factor judge said he was asked by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown to help with the relief effort.

Performers have yet to be chosen, but may include British singers Su-Boyle, Leona Lewis and Cheryl Cole, Cowell said. "I don't know but I will get a record out within seven to 10 days,' he said. The goal is to raise as much money as possible in a short period of time, he said.

Brown said the government would exempt the single from sales tax so more money would go to

Cowell "Simon make a huge amount of money to help the people of Haiti," Brown said.

The British government and many private agencies are sending large aid shipments to the stricken Caribbean nation.

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Canadian Haiti benefit to run on Canuck star power

BENEFIT Some of Canada's biggest stars including Celine Dion, James Cameron, Michael J. Fox and the Tragically Hip will be taking part in a multi-net-work benefit for Haiti Friday night.

CBC, CTV and Global Television will broadcast Canada for Haiti at 7 p.m. ET and PT.

Film stars who have signed on include Jason Reitman, Ryan Reynolds, William Shatner, Rachelle Lefevre, Joshua Jackson, Pamela Anderson, Eugene Levy, Norman Jewison, Tom Jackson, Will Arnett and Sandra Oh.

TV personalities Brent Butt, Hugh Dillon, Mike Holmes, Rick Mercer and Alex Trebek will appear.

Musicians Justin Bieber, Nelly Furtado, Sarah McLachlan, K'naan, Barenaked Ladies, Simple Plan, David Foster, Chantal Kreviazuk, Raine Maida and Measha Brueggergosman are on board.

Humanitarian Craig Kielburger and star athletes Wayne Gretzky and Steve Nash will participate, and Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Gov. Gen. Michaelle Jean will have special messages for Cana-

More acts added to U.S. telethon

 Beyonce and Madonna have been added as performers taking part in Friday's multinetwork Hope for Haiti Now telethon, and Denzel Washington, Brad Pitt, Leonardo DiCaprio and former president Bill Clinton are among the other participants.

A statement released Thursday said Beyonce would perform from London, and Madonna from New York City. The list of musical performers already includes such heavyweights as Bruce Springsteen. Alicia Keys, Stevie Wonder, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake

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commercial-free show will be hosted by Chervl Hickey, Ben Mulroney and George Stroumand Keith Urban. People can start donating

even before the start of the 8 p.m. EST concert via phone and text.

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Donations collected during the broadcast will go to a number of non-profit or-

ganizations including the Canadian Red Cross Society, Care Canada, Free the Čhildren, Oxfam Canada and UNICEF Canada.

Immediately following the show, the U.S. benefit Hope for Haiti Now will air on the same networks and on MTV, MuchMusic and National Geographic Channel.

The two-hour special will be hosted by George

Clooney. Keith Urban, Kid Rock and Sheryl Crow plan to perform a song together, as will Bono, the Edge, Jay-Z and Rihanna.

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Harvey: new Family Feud hos

The TV game show Family Feud is getting a new referee. Series producer FremantleMedia North America said comedian Steve Harvey will take over as host from John O'Hurley when the syndicated show begins its new season next fall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

Kitchen **Nightmares** Season 3 TV Sloppy restaurateurs, take cover. Chef Gordon Ramsay is back for another round of sniffing out rogue eateries and tongue-lashing their staff into serving up better fare. Premieres Tuesday on Fox. Check local listings for time.

Sundance Film Festival FEST So what if it takes place in faraway Utah? If you are a film fan, you will be keeping an eye on this indie showcase. Howl (starring James Franco as Allen Ginsberg) and Restrepo (a documentary on Afghanistan) open the fest this year. There's plenty of Canadian fare too, including Grown Up Movie Star and Splice, featuring Sarah Polley.

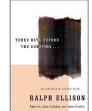
Dark Void GAME The jetpack's alive and well. In Capcom's new sci-fi title. humans battle aliens in an alternate world with a little help from Nikola Tesla's uplifting invention. The game flies high on the strength of its aerial battles, which takes the find-cover-thenshoot style of Gears of War into the third dimension.



FILM You could go to theatres for Extraordinary Measures (if you are eyeing The Tooth Fairy there is little hope for you) this week. But you'd probably be better served with this little film about Charles Darwin and how his evolutionary ideas took their toll on his family. Starring real life husband and wife Paul Bettany and Jennifer Connelly.

Three Days Before The Shooting: Ralph Ellison

BOOK When the acclaimed African-American author (Invisible Man) died in 1994, he left behind a 2,000-page unfinished manuscript. The writing was condensed to 368 pages in 1999 for the posthumous novel. Juneteenth. Finally. Modern Library is putting things right by publishing the mammoth work in its entirety.



Transference: Spoon ALBUM They were listed as Metacritic's most acclaimed band of the decade. They even made it to the Top 10 with their last album, Ga Ga Ga Ga. Heck, can you even call the Austin, Tex., band indie any more? But they might just reclaim their alt-rock status with their latest effort – an off-kilter take on their own perfect-pop template.

SAG Awards SHOW Perhaps the only Avatar-free awards gala you'll see this year. The Screen Actor's Guild honours its members for their thespian skills tomorrow with Inglourious Basterds, Precious and Up In The Air leading the race with three nominations each.

Mix of Six

Canadians Against Proroguing Parliament March and Rally

When: Saturday, 11 a.m. Where: Corbett Hall on the U of A campus (8205 114 St.)

Join the group at Corbett Hall if you feel like walking, or feel free to meet us at the rally at Old Strathcona Gazebo Park.

Oilers vs. Stars

When: Friday, 7 p.m. Where: Rexall Place

See the Oilers square off against the Dallas Stars at Rexall Place in Canada's defining game: hockey. Don't forget to paint your-self blue and gold.

Edmonton Rush vs. Buffalo Bandits When: Saturday, 7 p.m.

Where: Rexall Place

Edmonton's lacrosse team takes on Buffalo at Rexall Place on Saturday.

Billy the Kid with **Special Guests** When: Friday, 9 p.m. Where: The Haven Social Club

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Edmonton Pet Expo

When: Saturday & Sunday Where: Northlands AgriCom

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Jane Austen and **Zombies** When: Saturday, 2 p.m.

mals to check out.

Where: Stanley A. Milner Library

If you love Jane Austen and zombies come down to the Stanley A. Milner Library for an intense discussion combining the two.

Author Quarrington, 56, loses battle with cancer

OBIT Paul Quarrington, the multi-talented, award-winning Toronto author of Whale Music, has died. He was 56.

"He passed peacefully at home in Toronto in the early hours surrounded by friends and family," said a statement on his website. "It is comforting to know that he didn't suffer; he was calm and quiet holding hands with those who were closest to him."

Quarrington, who was diagnosed with an advanced form of lung cancer last vear, maintained wide-ranging creative career over the past decades

as a play- Writer Paul wright, musi- Quarrington. cian, writer and filmmaker.

He achieved perhaps his greatest success as a novelist and author.

He won the Governor General's Literary Award for English-language fiction in 1989 for Whale Music, which Penthouse magazine called "the best novel written about rock 'n' roll" upon its release.

He also won the Stephen Leacock Award for humour and the Canada Reads competition for King Leary, and has twice been a finalist for the Trillium Book Award.

Two of his more recent - 2008's The Ravine and 2004's Galveston were finalists for the Scotiabank Giller Prize

Quarrington's ranged from novels to nonfiction, with a wide array of subject matter. What was consistent, however, was his keen sense of humour, along with a focus early in his career on down-and-out protagonists who slowly begin reconnecting with the outside world.

A lover of sports and music, Quarrington wrote celebrated literature about topics that were otherwise not considered highbrow.

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Girls are great, but boys are better



Ben Affleck is begging wife Jennifer Garner to get pregnant one more time, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The couple has two daughters, and Affleck is keen for a baby boy to complete the trio. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

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RUSSELL BRAND wrestles with a moral quandary. **DANE COOK** has a confession to make, and "WEIRD" AL YANKOVIC solves the mystery of Jay Leno's poor performance.

@rustyrockets If I force my cat to have sex with another cat am I an accomplice to rape? If so where does this leave dog-breeders?

@danecook I never took steroids but @ the height of my wiffle ball career I drank a Jolt cola & downed a fun dip 2 give me a lil edge up.

@alyankovic Ah, I get it now. Jay's been doing a 5-year



Not a slice, but a scar

YOU HAVE FOR INJURIES OF THE INNER ARM? Lindsay Lohan has dismissed allegations she has been selfharming to cope with spiralling depression, insisting she is in a "wonderful place mentally, physically and spiritually," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Mean Girls star sparked fears for her health after she was photographed with a red scratch on her inner arm earlier this month. But she insists the mark is years old — and she's urging internet bloggers to stop speculating about her personal life because she's never been happier.

She tells gossip website PerezHilton.com, "I've had that scar on my arm for a very long time now - it's funny it's just being no-

"I had surgery a while ago for an injury I had when I was younger, nothing having to do with depression or anything of the sort. Now back off, people! There are more important world issues to focus on!"

The star, who split from

her on-and-off-again girlfriend Samantha Ronson last year, was photographed embracing the 29-year-old during event at L.A. fashion bou-



tique Church in West Hollywood on

'Tara was so happy'

ALTHOUGH YOU COULDN'T RE-ALLY TELL BY LOOKING AT HER Tara Reid boyfriend Michael Axtmann were having din-ner at The Little Door restaurant in Los Angeles on Monday night when Axtmann asked for something not on the menu, Reid's hand in marriage, people.com reports.

"Michael surprised Tara with a beautiful round brilliant cut ring," the actress' rep tells People exclusive-

ly. "Tara was so happy, and the other patrons clapped and yelled out, 'Congratulations'

Reid. 34, and Axtmann. an Internet entrepreneur,



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50 Cent is a humble quy

HE CAN SIT WITH THE ECONO-MY PLEBS ON A PLANE AND **NOT GET A POVERTY RASH 50** Cent isn't sure exactly how much money he has, but he's sure it isn't enough.

"\$400 million? I'm not sure how much I have, but that sounds great. I don't really think it'll ever be enough," he tells Interview magazine. But the rapper also insists he's pretty down to

earth, despite his wealth. "I really don't mind flying coach if I have to," he says by way of example. "If the

front of the plane is sold out, I'll sit in the back.' METRO WORLD NEWS

This is Mischa Barton's brain

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THIS IS MISCHA BARTON'S BRAIN NOT ON DRUGS Mischa Barton is returning to television — for one episode, at least with a guest spot on Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. But the former O.C. star is reportedly making life difficult for her



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rized, forcing the crew to spend all day on her scene. "She only had seven lines, seven!" a source says. "Each time she would mess up, she would forget her lines and Mariska (Hargitay) kept prompting her and saying, 'It's your line, Mischa'

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From alleged assault to hand holding

33WHAT'S THAT I HEAR? OH, IT'S A QUICK CHANGE OF TUNE Charlie Sheen has been allowed to visit his wife while she is in hospital with pneumonia, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actor's restraining order — which was put in place following his alleged assault on Brooke Mueller on Christmas Day - was altered by Pitkin County District Judge James Boyd to allow him to visit his spouse while she is being treated at Los Angeles Sherman Oaks Hospital.

Mueller's lawyer Yale alanter — who con-Galanter firmed the emergency ruling had been passed said, "The judge did sign an order allowing Charlie

and Brooke to have contact. The order will read as long as Brooke is in the hospital, Charlie can see her.

The changes were made after his 32-year-old wife who he has 10-month-old twin sons Bob and Max with fell seriously ill yesterday.

Her mother Moira Fiore explained to E!



extracted. It became infected. The infection spread and now she has pneumonia in both lungs." Brooke was admitted to

the medical centre after suffering from a fever of 105 degrees. Her attorney said. "Brooke is still in the hospital. She's doing OK but she's not doing great. We thought there was a possibility she was going

to be released (Thursday), but she's not because she has developed pneumonia in her lungs." METRO

WORLD

Her new album is called Superficial

ART IMITATING LIFE? LIFE IMI-TATING ART? ART? LIFE? WHAT AM I SAYING? Heidi Montag's debut album may have set a record - just a good one, usmagazine.com reports. In its first week of release, The Hills star's album, Superficial, has sold less than 1,000 copies, according to Nielsen Soundscan.

In fact, industry sources tell usmagazine.com that the album has sold only 658 downloads to date.

This is likely upsetting news for the reality star. who told Entertainment Weekly last week that she went broke making Superficial but thought that "within the first week, we will definitely make our money back." She told EW, "I put

every dollar I have into this. I've spent over \$1 million, almost \$2 million, on this

album. It's cost as much or more than a Britney Spears album because I wanted it to be that quality ...

he songs will make an impact in pop history."

Those songs have collectively sold 6,000 downloads. loads, Nielsen SoundScan also reports.

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

5	2					9	7
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6		8			1		5
		4	6	3	9		
	3					6	
		2	9	4	7		
2		9			6		4
			8	1			
8	5					1	9

1 Scenery chewer 4 Resort 7 Wimbledon surface

12 Chicken-king link 13 Stolen

14 Proportion 15 Old soldier 16 Henny Youngman's repertoire 18 Make up your

mind 19 Hatred 20 Bistro name starter, often 22 Type measures 23 Movie pig 27 "— Town 29 Cheap 31 Track legend Iesse

35 Requiring bicolored glasses 37 "CSI" evidence 38 Fly catcher? 39 — Today 41 Opening day? 45 Memorable mission

34 Sports venue

47 Illustrations 48 Bluff 52 Dove's call 53 Bring the meal 54 Funnyman DeLuise 55 Pump up the

volume 56 Words to live by 57 Officeholders 58 Existed

1 Devastation 2 Hebrew letter 3 Photo finish 4 "Get outta here!' 5 Mull over 6 Had a homecooked meal 7 Somber 8 Operated 9 Goddess of foolhardiness 10 Madam's counterpart 11 "Mayday!" 17 A deadly sin 21 Like urban land

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

2 4

7 6 9

6

8 5

3 7

8 9

9 2 3 7 4 1

23 Powdered cleaning agent 24 Copper head? 25 Crib 26 Timetable abbr. 28 Work with 30 Ashen 31 Mel of Cooper-

stown 32 Personal question? 33 Historic time 36 Lackluster

37 Variety of plum 40 Riyadh resident 42 Showy parrot 43 Bakery lure 44 Subway stations

45 Kind of hairdo 46 Resistance units 48 Radio watch-

dog org. 49 Rowing need 50 Salt Lake City athlete 51 Scarlet

1 5 7 9 8 3 6

2 8 3 4 5

4 1 6 2 7

1 2 7

8 9 5

1 2 6 3 4 7 9

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1 7 6 3 5 8 9 2 4

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9

5 6

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I KNOW, BUT THEY WERE FREE!

Metro Recipe of the Day



Thai Pork Patties with Bok Choy

INGREDIENTS:

4 scallions, finely chopped 1 lb (500 g) lean ground pork

1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) Thai green curry paste 2 tsp (10 mL) lemon grass in oil

1 egg white 2 tbsp (25 mL) Canola oil 7 oz (200 g) bok choy, sliced lengthwise 6 oz (175 g) ovster mushrooms, sliced 3/4 cup (175 ml) coconut milk

1 tsp (5 ml) fish sauce 1 tbsp (15 ml) sesame seeds

METHOD:

1. Mix scallions, pork, curry paste, lemon grass and egg white until evenly bound together, pressing mixture firmly with back of mixing spoon.

2. Divide mixture into 12, then shape into patties,

flattening with your fingers.

3. Heat 1 tbsp (15 mLl oil in heavy-based frying pan and fry patties, turning once, 8-10 minutes or until golden brown and thoroughly cooked.

4. While patties are frying, heat a wide frying pan or wok with remaining oil and add bok choy and mushrooms. Stir-fry over high heat 2-3 minutes to soften.

5. Stir coconut milk and fish sauce into vegetables, bring to boil; simmer 1 minute. Serve pork patties with bok choy and coconut mixture, sprinkled with sesame seeds.

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ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Sometimes you don't tell loved ones how much they mean to you as often as you should but you'll make up for it today.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23 No effort will be too much for you over the next few days. It does not matter how lofty your

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

You must be extra careful what you allow yourself to think over the next 24 hours because your imagination is very powerful at the moment

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22
You will know instinctively if what you are being told is the truth or a fabrication — and you won't hesitate to cut a deceiver out of your life.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

On the web

You can ask almost anything of anyone today and it won't be refused. It will be easy for you to persuade friends and rivals to give you what you need.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

Someone needs your help and is silently pleading for you to step in and rescue them. You won't let them down.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

There are some strong emotions about at the moment and if you are not careful you could get swept away on a tide of excess sentiment

CAPRICORN DEC 22-IAN 20

You will get the chance to make some powerful new friends to-day and over the weekend, and

LEO

You will say or do something outrageous today — and you will get away with it. You will manage, just, to keep this side of turning people against you.

AQUARIUS

JULY 23-AUG 23

JAN 21-FEB 18 So many things will go right today it's almost as if you have someone "up there" on your side making sure everything falls into place.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

The only danger today is that you will allow someone to persuade you to buy something that you cannot really afford.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20
There is every possibility that you will be lucky financially to-day. Most likely an investment you made a long time ago will pay off at last.

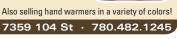
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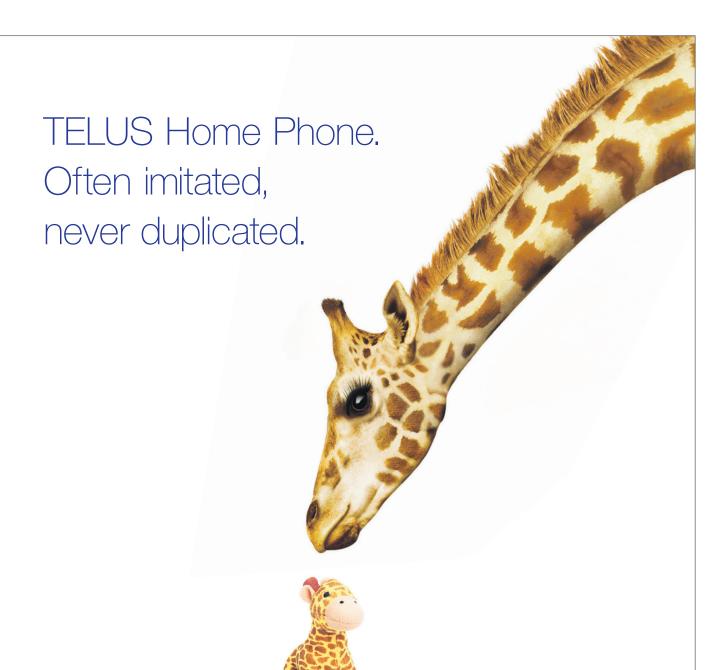
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